

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL without prejudice or disclaimer claims 1-13 in the underlying PCT application and ADD new claims 14-24 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

14. (New) A method of billing for data transmission in a telecommunication network using at least two billing accounts which can be addressed by a selection message from a communication terminal, said method comprising:

starting data transmission to or from the communication terminal of a communication subscriber;

sending a selection request message from a network element in the telecommunication network to the communication terminal after said starting of the data transmission;

receiving the selection message from the communication terminal at the network element in the telecommunication network in response to said sending, the selection message containing an identifier for a billing account which is to be used for billing for the data transmission; and

using the billing account to bill for the data transmission based on the selection message received by the network element.

15. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein the selection request message is sent to the communication terminal before the data transmission is terminated.

16. (New) A method according to claim 15, further comprising:

recognizing said starting of the data transmission at a switching node in the telecommunication network;

informing, by the switching node, a service control point in the telecommunication network about said starting of the data transmission; and

prompting by the service control point said sending of the selection request message to the communication terminal.

17. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein said sending of the selection request message to the communication terminal occurs after the data transmission is terminated.

18. (New) A method according to claim 17, further comprising:
recognizing an end of the data transmission at a switching node in the telecommunication network;
informing, by the switching node, a service control point in the telecommunication network about the end of the data transmission; and
prompting by the service control point said sending of the selection request message to the communication terminal.

19. (New) A method according to claim 18, wherein said prompting of the selection request message includes sending a send request message to the switching center in the telecommunication network.

20. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein the selection request and selection messages are Unstructured Supplementary Service Data messages.

21. (New) A method according to claim 18, wherein said prompting of the selection request message includes sending a send request message to a voice output unit in the telecommunication network.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the selection request message is sent as a voice message before the selection message is received.

23. (New) A method according to claim 18, wherein said prompting of the selection request message includes sending a send request message to a short message service center in the telecommunication network.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein the selection request and selection messages are in a short message format.